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Markup: SAFE Truckers Act

WHO: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection,
and Cybersecurity
Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA)

WHEN: 10 a.m., Thursday, June 22, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity will convene to markup H.R. 5604, the "Screening Applied Fairly and Equitably to Truckers Act of 2006" or the "SAFE Truckers Act." This measure would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a list of security sensitive materials and require truckers to undergo a fingerprint-based background records check. This would reform the current, inefficient hazmat program at TSA, which screens every trucker, regardless of the risk of material they are hauling. The legislation would also require the Department to issue the permit in conjunction with the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program – greatly reducing redundant checks and fines for truckers nationwide.

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